(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what action is being taken by Government to check the inclusion of the non-nationals in the voters' list in West Bengal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) Complaints have been received from an office-bearer of a political party by the Election Commission, alleging inclusion of names of non-citizens in the electoral rolls in West Bengal. The complaints relate to failure of the state electoral machinery to follow the procedure prescribed by the Election Commission for ensuring that electoral rolls contain the names of only Indian citizens and do not include the names of non-citizen foreigners and deliberate inclusion of names and a large number of foreigners in the Gangarampur Block of Dakshin Deenajpur District of West Bengal. The Commission identified 24 constituencies in which it was alleged that house-to-house enumeration was not done properly and satisfactorily and appointed central and state observers. The complaints received in the Commission were referred to the Chief Electoral Officer of the State and to the observers concerned.

Violation of Companies Act By M/s Dsilva Pharma Chem Pvt. Ltd.

3727. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s Dsilva Pharma Chem Pvt. Ltd. Nagoa, Vernasalcette, Goa, have violated the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956 by not submitting their details of accounts for the last three years; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken against each director of the company under the said statute?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) The company has not yet filed its annual accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1992 and the Registrar of Companies, Goa has issued default notice to the company for the said default.

3728. [*Transferred to 22nd December, 1992*]

Inquiry into the activities of tyre industry

3729. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to order an inquiry into the tyre industry to curb monopolistic and restrictive trade practices in the country; and

(b) if so, by when the proposed inquiry would start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) The Department of Company Affairs has filed an application under Section 10 (a) (ii) of the MRTP Act relating to collusive price behaviour by four major tyre manufacturers and also the Automotive Tyre Manufacturers' Association.

A reference has been made to the MRTP Commission under Section 31 of the MRTP Act against M/s. Dunlop India Ltd. for enquiry into monopolistic trade practices in the production and sale of Aero Tyres.

Further, on the basis of an applicaton filed by the Director General of Investigation & Registration under

Section 10 (b) of the MRTP Act, the MRTP Commission has issued a Notice of Enquiry dated 29.9.1992 to M/s. MRF Ltd., to enquire into the Monopolistic Trade Practices allegedly carried on by the Company.

Pending cases relating to SC/ST reservation

3730. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases relating to reservation of SC/STs pending in the Supreme Court, High Courts and Central Administrative Tribunals, separately; and

(b) the number of cases in which Government have not filed counter affidavits in support of Government policy and constitutional bindings on reservation/relaxation for S.C./S.T.s and what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Liberalisation of rules to avoid harassment of directors

3731. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the PHD chamber of Commerce and Industry has urged Government to reintroduce rules that would avoid harassment of directors and other senior company executives;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereon;

(c) whether Government propose to liberalilse the rules accordingly; and

(d) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) As per letter dated 30th September, 1992 of PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industries, the Chamber has forwarded the main highlights and recommendations of the workshop on Director's liability, suggesting appropriate amendments in the various Rules and legal provisions governing the operations of the Company in so far as those relate to Director's liability. It is felt that the existing provision of the Companies Act, 1956 including provision relating to the compounding of offences under Section 621A and relief from punitive action by the Court under Section 633, are adequate to safeguard the interest of Directors.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Free legal aid to the poor

3732. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the existing policy, if any for providing free legal aid to the poor;

(b) how far, according to the assessment, if any, the free legal aid policy has been successful;

(c) whether in 1977 Justice Bhagwati Committee had drafted a National Legal Service Bill for the purpose;

(d) if so, what is the decision, if any, taken by Government thereon stating the reasons for pendency of the Bill; and

(e) what steps are contemplated by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Any person whose annual income from all sources does not exceed Rs. 6,000/- upto High Court and Rs. 12,000/- for supreme Court cases is eligible for free legal aid under the Model Scheme evolved by Committee